

IN SOCIETY CIRCLES.

Recent Social Events in Topeka and Vicinity.

GENERAL NOTES OF SOCIETY.

Personal Items of Interest About Topeka People and Visitors in Town.

The interior of Mrs. C. M. Atwood's home on West street presented yesterday a striking contrast to the chilling wintry weather without. The majority of the two hundred and fifty invitations issued by Mrs. Atwood and her daughter, Miss Alice, for a reception, Friday the 9th, were accepted and during the hours from 2 to 6 the rooms were comfortably filled with Topeka society. The floral decorations within the parlors consisted of several large bowls of chrysanthemums, placed here and there amidst palms and ferns. Over the mantel windows and mantels extended great quantities of the bitter-sweet and honey-suckle vine thickly laden with their scarlet berries. The prevailing colors in the dining room, with the exception of the autumn vines, consisted of pink and white long loops of pink satin ribbon hanging from the chandelier to the four corners of the table, in the center of which rested a rose bowl of pink carnations. The pink and white coloring was also carried out in the bonbons and ices. Mrs. Atwood wore a handsome gown of black satin with yoke of white silk and delicate blue trimmings.

The hostess and her daughter were assisted in serving their guests by Mrs. M. I. Lee, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. T. S. Mason, Mrs. G. C. Fox, Mrs. Edwin Knowles, the Misses Valentine, Hampton, Cline and Hale, while the assistants in the dining room were Miss Gracie Atwood, the Misses Adelaide and Lydia Holmes, Christine and Susie Tuttle, Edith Wiles and Little Harklesmet.

The second of the series of Mrs. George Noble's company was a thimble party given at her home yesterday afternoon to about sixty of her lady friends.

The decorations throughout the rooms were of chrysanthemums. Mrs. Cawles, Mrs. MacFarran and Miss Letmore entertained the guests with a few selections of vocal and instrumental music.

Miss Kittie and Misses Atwood gave a small dinner party to a few of the Bethany students last evening.

Miss Helen Green, one of the seniors at Bethany, has been forced through ill-health of the past few months to discontinue her studies for a time, and yesterday returned to her home to remain till after the holidays.

Dave Mulvane and Fliny Soper went east yesterday.

Warden Chase of Lansing spent yesterday in the city.

Mrs. Welcome has returned from Hiawatha.

Miss Mabel Johnson with several others of this city will go to Leavenworth next week to be present at the wedding of Miss Grace Phillips.

Miss Minnie Carr will spend Sunday at Lawrence.

Mrs. Bishop Vincent, assisted by her sister, Miss Vincent, charmingly entertained at a dinner Thursday noon. Mesdames Christman, G. W. Wood, Josh Mulvane, G. R. Sweet, P. I. Bonbrake, A. S. Johnson, J. R. Bartholomew and Campbell.

Miss Gracie Clark celebrated her eighth birthday this afternoon by inviting eight of her little friends to a small party. Those present were Ruth Leonard, Lucia Neally, Theo Jewell, Jennie and Helen Henderson, Edith Welch and Mary Wentz.

Mrs. Albert Parker has issued invitations for a reception and card party next week.

The various grades of Polk school gave an entertainment yesterday afternoon. The proceeds realized are to procure a picture for the fourth grade room.

Mrs. Arthur Mills is visiting in Leavenworth.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seasmans of Brooklyn will arrive in the city Friday to visit the families of Mr. J. P. Griswold and Mr. R. T. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell of Newark, N. J., are spending a couple of weeks in the city.

Mrs. Mark Fuller entertained a few friends very pleasantly at tea last evening.

Mrs. E. J. Ohmer entertained about fifteen little friends for her niece this afternoon.

A box party is one of the social events at "Charlie's Aunt" tonight.

The Student club meets Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Struble, No. 1221 Clay street.

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CHARLEY'S AUNT TONIGHT

One of Frohman's Best Companies at the Grand Opera House.

One of Charles Frohman's best companies will be at the Grand opera house in the farce comedy "Charley's Aunt." It was written by Brandon Thomas who has made a fortune out of it and the play has been translated into German, Italian and Swedish and it is proposed to bring it out in Russian and Turkish in Constantinople.

The play begins with two college students preparing to welcome a rich aunt from Brazil, the boys have arranged a luncheon in their rooms and invited their sweet hearts. Just as the girls arrive, the aunt telegraphs that she has been delayed and will not come for a day or two. The girls to remain must have a chaperon. A college chum agrees to personate the Brazilian aunt. She appears on the stage in capital costume. The girls receive her with enthusiasm. Presently the real aunt arrives. Then there is a great scene and a grand reunion all around.

On Monday night the Grand will give its patrons Neil Burgess' old play, "The County Fair."

Probably the most distinguished attraction that will visit Topeka this winter is Felix Morris in "Behind the Scenes," which will be at the Grand opera house on next Thursday evening. Mr. Morris is one of the best known comedians of the age, and is recognized as one of the most versatile. He is comparatively young and very ambitious, and has been a hard student of the stage all his life. The eastern critics speak most highly of him.

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WOMAN'S MISSION.

A Valley Falls Woman Replies to David Overmyer's Argument.

VALLEY FALLS, Nov. 8, 1894.

To the Editor of the State Journal: Woman's mission; what is it? David Overmyer says it is to bear children. And, no doubt, every pantalooned creature present, whose wife takes in washing or sewing to help support a household full of whisky and tobacco poisoned unfortunate, applauded the sentiment.

Without disputing Mr. Overmyer's statement, (which, however, only embodies a half truth) I should like to ask, has not a woman a right to say what sort of children she shall bear? Whether they shall inherit pure blood, sound minds and well formed bodies, or moral, mental and physical leprosy?

Then after the children are born, what shall be done with them? Even Mr. Overmyer will not say that the mother's mission is then ended.

Who does not pity a motherless family infinitely more than a fatherless one? It is the mother who zealous guard the young life from contaminating influences. Nobody realizes as she the helplessness of favorable surroundings. Why should she not have a voice in saying what those surroundings shall be?

If we accept Mr. Overmyer's definition of woman's mission as complete, then "Margaret" the mother of criminals, had a better "right to be" than has Frances A. Willard or Florence Nightingale.

Mr. Overmyer says: "When women make laws we will not smoke, we will not swear, we won't stay out late nights. It will be hell!"

Well, since he and the men who agreed with him have dwelt in a man's paradise so long, would it be more than fair for them now to exchange places with those women who have occupied the other place ever since they commenced to fulfill their "mission." A WOMAN.

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SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES.

First Unitarian society, Topeka avenue, between Ninth and Tenth streets. Rev. A. Wynan will preach at 11 a. m. Subject, "Serving the World."

United Presbyterian, corner Eighth and Topeka avenues. Rev. M. F. McKirahan, pastor. Preaching tomorrow at 11 o'clock on "Impulsive Religion." In the evening special evangelistic services conducted by the Y. M. C. A. of Washington college.

United Brethren church. Services are held in Ladies' library hall on Kansas avenue, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets as follows: 11 a. m.—Anniversary services. 7:30 p. m.—Preaching by the pastor, S. C. Coble.

North Topeka Baptist church, corner Laurent and Harrison streets. Rev. W. B. Hutchinson, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. At the morning service Miss Ida C. Clotier of Manitou, Col., will give an address. Evening subject: "Why I am a Christian."

Brethren (Dunkard) church, Oakland, preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. tomorrow by Elder Vaniman.

Westminster Presbyterian church, Huntington street and College avenue. Rev. E. S. Parrand, pastor. 11 a. m. Baptism of infants and sermon to the children by the pastor. Several Christian Endeavor societies from the country have been invited to participate in the evening services.

English Lutheran church. Morning service 11 a. m., preaching by Rev. Mr. Span.

Church of Christ (Scientists), 210 West Sixth street, Willis E. Gross, pastor. Casual services at 11 a. m.; subject of sermon, "The Alliance of G. C. D."

Second Adventists meet at the residence of Mr. Welty, northwest corner of Twelfth street and Washburn avenue at 2 p. m.; subject, "The Twelve Chosen."

Madison Street Baptist church, W. F. Fife, pastor. Services morning and evening.

German M. E. church, corner Fifth and Tyler streets. A. Lankau, the pastor, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Spiritualism—Sunday services at Lincoln Post hall, East Sixth street. Conference at 11 a. m. Lecture at 7:30 p. m. Pastor Seating on the subject of "Hereditary Vice."

Second Presbyterian. Preaching by the Rev. John A. Bright at 11 a. m. In the evening by the Rev. Duncan McGregor, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Grace Cathedral—Sermon by the Dean on the subject: "Work of the Missionary Council at Hartford." 11 a. m. Evening song and sermon at 4:30 p. m.

Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal) North Topeka, Rev. Guy W. Miner. Evening service and sermon at 7:30 p. m. Church of St. Simon, the Cyprian, (colored Episcopal) evening service and sermon at 4:30 p. m. Rev. Guy W. Miner, minister in charge.

Calvary Mission, (Episcopal) 922 1/2 East Fourth street. Rev. Irving Todd, minister in charge. Evening service and sermon at 4 p. m.

Spiritual meeting at Topeka Post hall, 412 Kansas avenue, at 7:30 p. m. Sunday. Dr. Grabenike of Denver, Colo., will deliver a lecture on the subject of "Methodism, Spiritualism and Hypnotism." After the lecture will give some psychometric readings.

German Lutheran church, corner of Van Buren and Second streets, C. F. Grabenike, pastor. Services tomorrow at 10:30 a. m.

First Presbyterian church, Rev. S. B. Alderson, pastor. Preaching tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor urgently requests the presence of every member at the services tomorrow.

Evangelical Methodist, corner Third and Jefferson streets. Rev. T. T. Coker and wife of South Carolina will occupy the pulpit morning and evening.

Second Baptist church. First street—Rev. G. D. Olden will preach his first annual sermon tomorrow. Special services will be held during the day. At the evening service a full report of the year's work will be given.

St. John's A. M. E. church—Seventh and Topeka avenue. J. C. Owens, pastor. Services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Evening sermon by Rev. B. F. Foster. The great Dugan concert Monday evening.

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VICTORIES OF CUPID.

HOW SECTIONAL FEUDS DISAPPEAR AT HYMEN'S ALTAR.

The Little Archer Busy Going Back and Forth Across Mason and Dixon's Line. Nellie Grant and Winnie Davis—Some Matrimonial Facts.

[Special Correspondence.]
WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—While the men of Mars, the wearers of the blue and the gray, are rehearsing the story of their battles and bivouacs, "of hair-breadth escapes," "the imminent deadly breach," at the various reunions this year, few of the veterans are aware of the conquests that Cupid has made in uniting in the bonds of love the sons and daughters of the most implacable and inveterate foes. Most true is it that peace has her victories no less renowned than war. The whirlwind of time brings in his revenges, and some of those who were the vanquished in the great



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rebellion have in turn come the victors in the domain of love. If fate frowned on them in war, fortune favored them in the "wooing of it." The old Latin proverb about labor conquering all things could just as well be changed to read, "A true woman's victory."

Few prophets during the exciting days of the rebellion would have had the temerity to predict that within 30 years a daughter of Jeff Davis would have become engaged to the grandson of one of his fiercest enemies, an arch abolitionist, and that a distinguished southern general would capture the daughter of the great northern chieftain, General Grant, and yet not only has all this come to pass, but there are other signal examples of the triumphs of the little archer. Indeed the actual facts are stranger than the most audacious fiction, and it is more than probable that, could some of the great leaders of the war who now sleep beneath the sod be made to know what is going on above the ground, they would turn in their coffins at the thought of it.

Will Be a Love Match.
The most recent illustrations of these conquests of Cupid is the prospective wedding of Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris, the pretty widowed daughter of General Grant, and Major Henry Kyd Douglas, adjutant general of Maryland and formerly on Stonewall Jackson's staff.

The two met some years ago in Washington and during the past summer have been like turtles doves. They were at the Blue Mountain House, in Maryland, early in the season, later they appeared at Narragansett Pier together, and subsequently they proceeded to Washington. They have been almost inseparable, in fact.

Nellie Grant, as is well known, married Algernon Sartoris over 20 years ago and has had three children by him. Although their domestic life was far from the ideal one, if current gossip is to be believed, she is today as pretty and prepossessing as ever and seems not a bit older than 25. Indeed her friends say that she looks happier and younger now than when they saw her last, some years ago.

A Popular Best Man.
Major Douglas is an old bachelor whose home is in Hagerstown, Md., and he has for a long time been considered a very good catch by the belles both north and south. He made a splendid record in the war, serving for a long time on Stonewall Jackson's staff and later under General (now Senator) Gordon. He was an exceedingly gallant officer and is not only a very brilliant man, but also a lawyer of distinction. Two or three years ago he was the Democratic candidate for congress in his district. Further than this, he is said to be quite a literary man.

Major Douglas has been groomsmen at no less than 34 weddings already, and his friends say that the thirty-fifth time he ought to take the principal role. As this is a record breaking year, the distinguished southerner would thus surpass all records, even his own.

When the wedding will take place is not known, but the friends of both parties believe that it will be in the near future. In view of many reunions between the wearers of the blue and the gray, this last prospective union, which is something little short of wonderful in joining together prominent foes in the closest of ties, will doubtless attract the widest attention not only in this country, but also in Europe, because of the romance and reality that cluster around it.

It is interesting in this connection to note the complete bridging over of old time animosities and the beginning of amenities among the families of the leaders in "the irrepressible conflict." This is illustrated in a marked manner by the friendliness between Mrs. U. S. Grant and Mrs. Jefferson Davis at Narragansett Pier the past summer, and also by the fact that Miss Rose Mary Sartoris, the daughter of Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris, is a frequent visitor upon Miss Beckenbaugh, the niece of Major Douglas.

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In discussing this phase of the "piping times of peace" General Gordon said: "One of the singular results of the war is the large and increased number of marriages between northern girls and southern men, and southern girls and northern men. The truth of the matter is, there are more marriages now between the two sections than there were before the war. This may be accounted for on several grounds. In a number of instances the men were captured and taken prisoners, and the ladies showed them special kindnesses as well as more or less sympathy. This would naturally be followed by mutual admiration, ending in love and marriage. Then, again, there were so much antipathy and animosity shown by both sections that the representatives of one side took great pride in conquering the rebels of the other. There is more excitement, you know, in capturing a stubborn stronghold than in the surrender of one without resistance. Moreover, some people appear to grant advantage when they show themselves ad-

versaries above the average ability. We always like to get the best of our opponents, whether in battle or business, in war or in love.

"The war made a good many romances," continued General Gordon, "and love always seemed to hover over the camp and field. This was shown in my own case in a marked degree. I was wounded eight times in battle. Mrs. Gordon followed me through the entire war, through swamps and marshes, and over the field of battle. She was over by my side and within the sound of the guns, and three or four different times she was under fire. At Antietam I was shot five times. Twice I was hit in the leg, my left arm was torn to atoms, then I got it in my right shoulder, and finally a bullet plowed its way through my jaw. I was carried off the field by Mrs. Gordon, who had come to hunt for me among the dead and dying, and was supposed to be mortally wounded. But Mrs. Gordon nursed me back to life, and through her loving ministry I am what I am."